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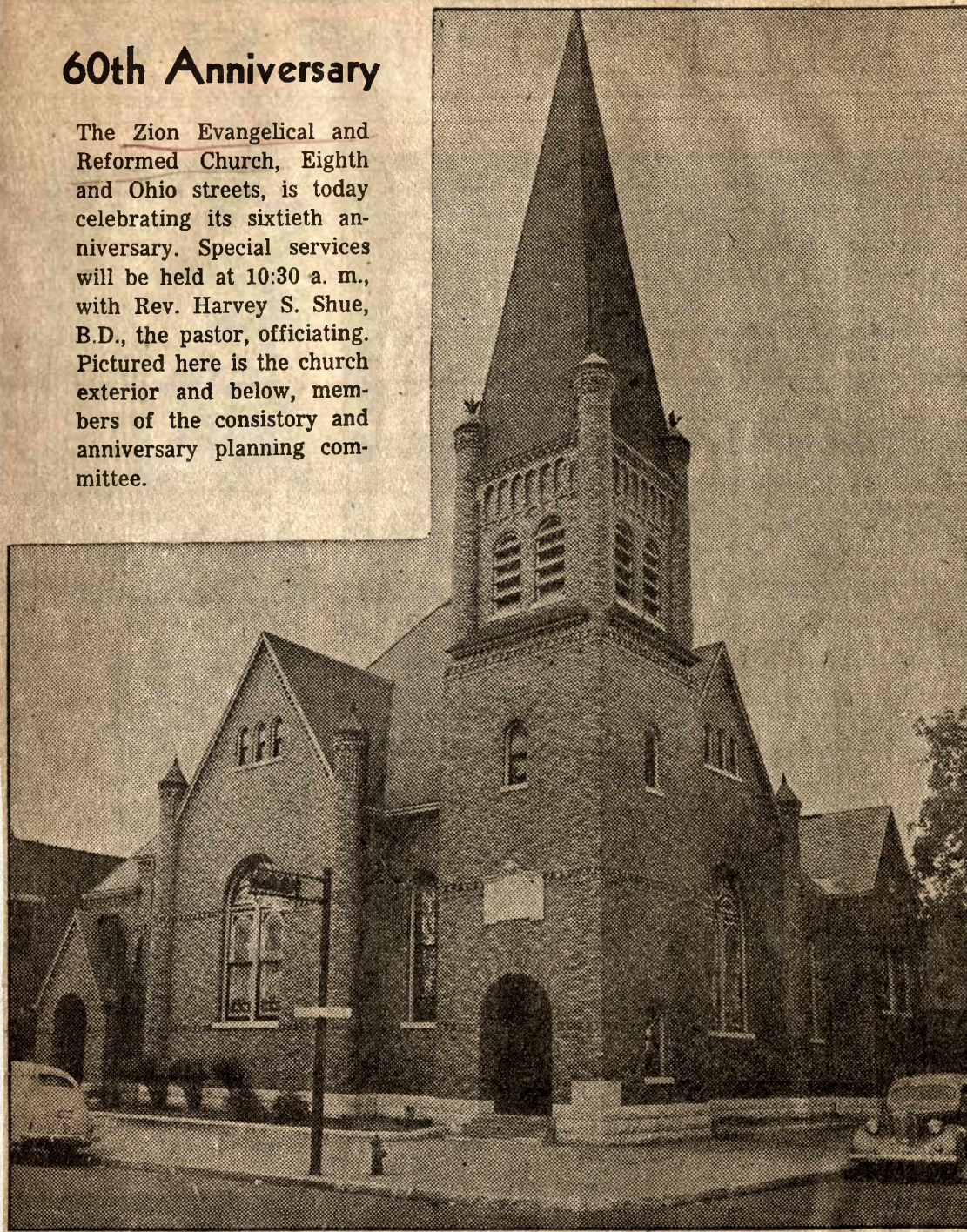
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The Terre Haute Tribune-Star.

60th Anniversary

The Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, Eighth and Ohio streets, is today celebrating its sixtieth anniversary. Special services will be held at 10:30 a. m., with Rev. Harvey S. Shue, B.D., the pastor, officiating. Pictured here is the church exterior and below, members of the consistory and anniversary planning committee.



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First row, left to right—Oliver Wagner, Carl Wald bieser, Rev. Shue and Marian Milles. Second row, left to right—Carl F. Morlock, Paul Waldbieser, Henry Funk, Charles Wright, Walter Stutz and John White. Top row, left to right—George Mansholt, Fred Modesitt, Charles E. Raubuck, Albert Meckar and Ted Hoggatt.

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Zion Ev. Reformed

Sunday, September 2, 1951.

Observes 60 Years' Contribution To City's Religious Development

Special services at 10:30 o'clock this morning will celebrate the dedication here 60 years ago of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Rev. Harvey S. Shue, B. D., the pastor, will deliver the anniversary sermon. There will be special music by Arnold Hintermeister, organist, and by both the senior and junior choirs.

The service will include the dedication of white altar linens, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip M. Baugh, in memory of the late Thomas S. Baugh, as well as the two altar tables, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Miller.

While the present church structure was dedicated 60 years ago, it was first conceived at sea in 1841. First services were held in the town hall. One of the early church locations was at Fourteenth and Sycamore streets.

The cornerstone for the building at the present location was laid Oct. 5, 1890, and the structure was formally dedicated Aug. 30, 1891.

It was in the year 1841 that Bruno Boelsums, a member of the Reformed Church, came to Terre Haute from East Friesland, Germany, with his three grown sons. He had lost his possessions at sea and his wife by death. Although Terre Haute was settled in 1816 it was not until 1830 that the first German families arrived, six in number. These immigrants built kilns for burning brick, thus creating plenty of work for all.

In 1846 the senior Boelsums returned to his old home for his three daughters. Upon his arrival he found they had married. Two had married Lutheran school masters. After much discussion pro and con, and after having made an appeal through the newspaper there for persons to go to America with him, twenty-two, including the two school masters, joined with him to make the trip.

Returns to Terre Haute.

Encouraged by the captain of the ship, "Victoria," the two school masters often led worship services. During the long and dangerous journey these persons passed a resolution that in their new homes they would establish worship services to help them in their Christian living. At this time there was no German church in Terre Haute. Having arrived safely here shortly before Christmas of 1846, and after establishing their homes, they asked the Germans already here to join them in a Christmas worship service led by A. H. Lucken.

Those who attended that Christmas, 1846, worship service decided to hold religious services every Sunday. They prevailed on Mr. Lucken, who had received preparation for a parish school teacher, to be the leader and to conduct the divine services.

Because of the small number of Germans and because of the marital lives of the (Reformed) Boelsums' daughters and the (Lutheran) school masters was so congenial, it gave rise to the thought to establish a joint German Protestant Church.

The "United German Lutheran and Reformed Church" was founded in Terre Haute in 1847. School Master Lucken, who was later ordained by the Indianapolis Synod, was the leader and minister of the congregation. He continued to serve until October, 1851. The services were held in the town hall.

There followed many years of interesting and varied history, during which several congregations held separate services and later the groups were again united.

Rev. Shue Elected

Rev. Shue was unanimously elected at a congregational meeting held after the morning worship service, April 4, 1948. A call was extended and accepted by Rev. Shue. Born and reared at Hanover, Pa., he received his training at Franklin and Marshall College and the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

At the first worship service conducted by Rev. Shue, July 4, 1948, he had the privilege of re-dedicating the recently redecorated church. He was installed Aug. 1 by Rev. H. H. Peters, president of the South Indiana Synod. The new parsonage was dedicated following the installation service, followed by an open house in the afternoon and evening.

He succeeded Rev. Franz P. Pulhmann, who assumed the pastorate, Sept. 1, 1942 and served until the fall of 1947, at which time he resigned to accept a call to Colby, Wis.

Rev. Shue is held in high regard by members of the congregation, and under his pastorate the church expects to experience further growth and inspiration to its members. In turn, Rev. Shue does not hesitate to express his appreciation for the cooperation and support not only by members of his congregation, but also by the populace of Terre Haute generally.

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Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church in Present Build- ing Fifty Years.

Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church at Eighth and Ohio streets will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of its church building with special services Sunday morning, it was announced yesterday by the Rev. William C. Feller, pastor.

The church building recently was completely redecorated and improved and the rededication services also will mark the completion of the improvement program.

Also included in the anniversary celebration will be a fellowship night which will be held at the church at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, Dec. 16. The members of the church will attend the affair and a special entertainment program

has been planned.

The Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church congregation was formed eighty-three years ago. The congregational constitution was adopted May 16, 1858, and the first church building was erected at Fourth and Walnut streets.

Site of the present church building was acquired in June, 1890, and plans then were made for building a new church building. The cornerstone of the new church was laid Oct. 5, 1890, while the Rev. Dr. F. R. Schwedes was pastor of the congregation.

This year the congregation of Zion Evangelical and Reformed Church, in observance of the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication of the building, instituted a series of improvements and repairs upon the church building. A Hammond electric organ with a set of twenty-one cathedral chimes was installed. The chimes are amplified in the church tower.

The exterior of the church was refinished during the Summer with brick stain. During the recent weeks the interior of the building has been completely redecorated, the floors refinished and new carpet laid. The Sunday School rooms also were cleaned and other repairs and improvements made. Total cost of improvements was \$5,000.

The anniversary celebration will open at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning. The sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Mr. Feller, who has occupied the pulpit of the church for the past four years.

Tuesday night the fellowship night will be held and the anniversary observance will conclude with communion service Sunday morning, Dec. 21.

LAYING A CORNER STONE.

The Corner Stone of the New Reformed Zion Church Laid Yesterday.

Remarks by Revs. Horstmeier and Pierce During the Ceremony.

List of the Articles Placed in the Stone.

The ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the handsome new Evangelical Reformed Zion church occurred at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, as announced in Saturday's GAZETTE. A large gathering of the congregation and friends of the church filled every available foot of ground about the corner of Eighth and Ohio streets. The services opened with a song by the choir. Rev. Schimmelpennig, of the German Methodist church, then read the following passage from the first epistle of Peter:

"Wherefore, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hyocrisy, and envies, and all evil speakings.

As new born babies, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.

If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

To whom coming as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious.

Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, behold I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Unto you therefore which believe, he is precious, but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner.

And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient where unto also they were appointed.

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out

of darkness into his marvelous light."

After reading the above passage in both English and German the Rev. Schimmelpennig offered a prayer. He was followed by a song by the Sunday school. Rev. Horstmeier, formerly pastor of the church in this city, now stationed at St. Louis, made an address. He congratulated the church and congregation upon the progress it had made, and said there was no feeling in him but that of joy at the prospects for the future of his old congregation. Every Christian was interested in the event. Wherever the word of God is taught and wherever the Christian abides the building of new churches brings pleasure. "Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious; and he that believeth in him shall not be confounded." It is upon this stone that the Christian religion is founded. The stone has been laid for many generations, back into the time of Solomon, and has been the mainstay of Christians ever since. The kingdom of God has not yet been established. It is a promised kingdom, but it will be erected as we now build the house of God. Every person who believes in God as the Savior shall belong to this building, and is a living corner stone. He who leans upon this stone shall be blessed of men.

There was a selection by the choir and Rev. Pierce, of the Central Presbyterian church, was presented. He regretted the fact that the German language was unknown to him and begged the indulgence of his hearers if he repeated any of the remarks of the first speaker.

"Of all lands upon which the sun shines there is no other land to which the

church owes so much as to the German's home. We welcome you to our land and are glad that you bring your sanctuaries with you. You will pardon me if I say we wish that you had done better in this respect. We need you and your sanctuaries to strengthen us for we are all fighting the same battle for truth, justice and righteousness. We owe to your land more than to any other nation upon the face of the earth. Germany has contributed many leading men to the circles of science, art and literature. And above all things you have given us the open Bible, so that all might read and know the promises of the Lord. In your native land was struck the first spark of religious liberty. To one of your nationality we are indebted for the translation of the Bible and the establishment of civil and religious freedom. It was through this that England became liberal England and America became a republic. These men, next to the Apostles of God, have left the greatest mark upon the world's history, and from their work the world has grown continually better. When you bring your churches here, you do not do so as Germans, but as Christian people, and to strengthen your faith in the Lord.

"My brothers, I congratulate you upon what I see today. You have outgrown your old church in which you worshiped so many years. Some of the fathers of your congregation are not among you today, but from their dwelling among the saints above they will be interested in the proceedings today.

The laying of the stone was then concluded. The articles were placed in a copper box and deposited in the cavity and the heavy stone carefully lowered upon it with the aid of a derrick. The following articles were placed in the

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stone: The Holy Bible, Hymn book of the Reformed church, Constitution of the Reformed church, Constitution of the congregation, Heidelberg catechism of the Reformed church, Reformed Church Messenger, Reformirte Kirchenzeitung; Minutes of General Synod, Minutes of Eighth District Synod, Hymn books of the Sunday schools, Lesson leaves, The Lammherirte and Missionsbote, copy of each of the daily papers containing copies of the announcement of the corner stone laying.

After the stone had been placed in position Rev. Schwedes read the regular church service for occasions of the kind and followed with the church creed. A song by the congregation followed, during which the collection was taken up. The assemblage was then dispersed with the benediction by Rev. Horstmeier. The music by the church choir was very fine and was greatly appreciated.

Ladies Aid Society.

The regular meeting of the Ladies Aid Society will be held Tuesday, Oct., 7, 1890, at 2 o'clock p. m. at the residence of Mrs. E. W. Parker 903 south Sixth street.

By order of the
Secretary.

THE Terre Haute Bowling Club, composed of prominent business men of our city, will open the bowling season next Thursday evening at Germania Hall.

Mrs. Caroline Frazz, of, this city and Mrs. Miller, of Poland, Clay county, left this morning for St. Louis.



FRONT ELEVATION OF THE NEW CHURCH.

The above is a drawing of the church, fronting upon Ohio street taken from the plans by Architect Vrydaugh. The tower will be 155 feet high. Contractor A. Fromme has charge of the building and is straining every effort to have the building under cover by December at least. The church, parsonage, lot and all will cost \$20,000. The board of trustees who have undertaken the work of building the new church consists of C. W. Hoff, president; F. W. Hoff, secretary, and H. L. Froeb; treasurer.